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## New-York Eye Infirmary.

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THE Infirmary is governed by a BOARD OF DIRECTORS, consisting of a President, two Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, the Surgeons, Consulting Surgeons, and seventeen Governors.

The Board of Directors is chosen annually by the Governors from among their own number, on the second Wednesday in April. They meet quarterly to regulate the affairs of the Infirmary.

The Infirmary is supported by Life Subscribers and Annual Subscribers.

A subscriber of forty dollars or upwards, is a Life Governor, and has the privilege of voting for, and being eligible to the office of Director, and retaining two patients under the treatment of the Surgeons of the Infirmary at all times—subject to such regulations as the Directors may impose.

An annual subscriber of five dollars, is a Governor as long as the subscription continues to be paid, with all the privileges of Life Governors.

An annual subscriber of three dollars, is a Governor as long as the subscription continues to be paid, with the privilege of voting for, and being eligible to the office of Director, and retaining one patient under the treatment of the Surgeons at all times.

All subscriptions and donations of sums, other than annual subscriptions, are made a permanent fund, and the income only appropriated to the current expenses of the Infirmary.

Subscriptions and Donations are received by the Treasurer, John Delafield, 24 Wall-street, or either of the other Directors.

The Surgeons attend at the Infirmary on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, between the hours of twelve and one, P. M. ; when

all poor persons who apply, are prescribed for, and receive gratuitously the medicines necessary for their respective cases.

Patients from other parts of the state than the city of New-York, or others whose diseases require it, are received into the Infirmary, boarded and nursed, upon the payment of two dollars and fifty cents per week. The present state of the funds of the institution does not allow it to support any patients at its own charge.

It is expected that all patients received into the Infirmary from other places than the city of New-York, will furnish security that they shall not, in consequence, become chargeable to the said city, after their discharge from the Infirmary.

The Infirmary being intended for the *poor* only, it is expected that no other persons will apply.

One student of medicine from each county in the state is entitled to attend the practice of the Infirmary without expense, on furnishing a certificate from the President of the Medical Society of the county recommending him for that purpose.

## **EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT**

### *Of the Surgeons of the New-York Eye Infirmary:*

READ BEFORE THE DIRECTORS, AT THEIR STATED MEETING IN

JANUARY, 1829.

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IN compliance with the By-Laws, the Surgeons respectfully report—

That during the past year a large number of persons afflicted with diseases of the eyes, have availed themselves of the charity of this institution.

As in preceding years, pupils desirous of acquiring practical knowledge in this branch of Surgery, have diligently attended the practice of the Infirmary, and witnessed all the operations performed there.

The Surgeons would again remind the Directors of the necessity of obtaining a permanent habitation for the Infirmary, as they believe the usefulness of the institution would be greatly increased by the accomplishment of this object.

Since the first of Jan. 1828, 1016 patients have been admitted, which, with 93 remaining at that time, make 1109 prescribed for during the past year.



## RECAPITULATION.

Patients admitted during the year 1828.....	1016
Remaining, January 1, 1828.....	93
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	1109
Of this number there have been cured.....	887
Relieved.....	40
Incurable.....	16
Declined treatment or absented.....	7
Results not ascertained.....	63
Remaining under treatment.....	96
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Total.....	1109
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Received previously to Jan. 1, 1828.....	5809
Do. during the year 1828.....	1016
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Total since the foundation of the Infirmary.....	6825



*Diseases of the Eye treated at the Infirmary.*

Inflammation of the Conjunctiva,.....	226
Do. Do. with purulent discharge, (adults,).....	11
Do. Do. Do. (infants,).....	13
Strumous Inflammation of the Conjunctiva,.....	62
Do. Do. with Pustules,.....	77
Granulated Lids and vascular cornea,.....	32
Excrescences of the Conjunctiva,.....	1
Inflammation of the Cornea,.....	56
Ulcers of the Cornea,.....	28
Opacities of the Cornea,.....	24
Pterygium,.....	1
Staphyloma,.....	3
Iritis,.....	59
Sclerotitis,.....	4
Closed Pupil,.....	3
Cataract,.....	19
Amaurosis,.....	71
Strabismus,.....	1
Tinea,.....	54
Lippitudo,.....	35
Hordeolum,.....	3
Inversion and Eversion of Lids,.....	5
Tumors of Lids,.....	18
Abscess of Lids,.....	8
Ptoxis,.....	4
Diseases of Lachrymal Passages,.....	24
Wounds and Injuries,.....	71
Tumors of Orbit,.....	2
Exostosis,.....	1
Burn,.....	2
Pediculi Ciliorum,.....	1
Anomalous,.....	6
Total,	925

*Diseases of the Ear.*

Otorrhœa,.....	24
Otitis,.....	8
Otalgia,.....	2
Ulcer of the External Auditory Passage,.....	1
Indurated Wax,.....	8
Increased Secretion of Wax,.....	2
Defective Secretion of Wax,.....	5
	50

Brought over,	60
Tympanitis, .....	1
Caries of the Temporal Bone,.....	3
Paralysis,.....	1
Closure of the Eustachian Tube,.....	3
Fistulous Opening into the Mastoid Cells,.....	1
Scrofula affecting the Ear,.....	2
Contusion of the Ear,.....	1
Fungus Anri,.....	2
Deafness unaccompanied with any external symptom,.....	27
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Total,	91

*All which is respectfully submitted,*

EDWARD DELAFIELD, M. D. }  
 J. KEARNY RODGERS, M. D. } *Surgeons.*  
 PETER FORRESTER, M. D. }

*New-York Eye Infirmary, January 1, 1829.*

*Statement by the Treasurer for the year 1828, pursuant to  
 an Act of the Legislature passed on 12th April, 1824.*

Legislative bounty for 1828,.....	1000 00
Amount of private contributions,.....	94 00
Interest on the permanent fund,.....	117 24
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	\$1211 24
Expended for—	
Board of Patients in the Infirmary,.....	99 25
Rent of the Infirmary to 1st November,.....	500 00
Apothecary's Salary,.....	150 00
Superintendent's Salary,.....	214 50
Drugs and Medicines,.....	110 24
Current expenses,.....	67 53
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	1141 52
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	\$69 72

This balance of sixty-nine 72-100 dollars, together with the balance remaining in the Treasury on the 1st January, 1828, (\$53 12) amounts to \$122 84; which sum will in part defray the current expenses and rent of the Institution, until the usual period for receiving the Legislative Bounty in May next.

J. DELAFIELD,  
*Treasurer.*

*8th January, 1829.*

*New-York, 16th January, 1829.*—We, the subscribers, do hereby Certify, that we have examined the accounts and vouchers of Mr. John Delafield, Treasurer of the New-York Eye Infirmary, for the year 1828, and have found the same correct; and that there is a balance in the Treasury of one hundred and twenty-two dollars 84-100.

GOOLD HOYT,  
 BENJ. L. SWAN.

JER. VAN RENSSELAER, M. D. *Secretary.*





